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**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 has been received and reviewed. By the present Response and Amendment, Claims 3, 4, 16, 19-24 and 29 are pending, Claims 3, 4, 16 and 19-21 are amended and Claim 30 is newly added. No new matter is introduced.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

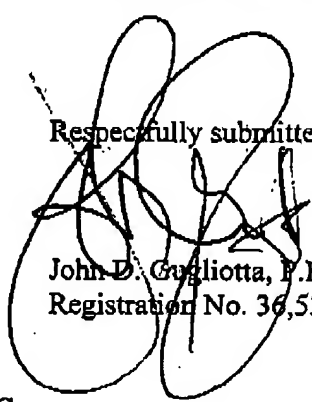
Claims 22/21/16 and 23/21/16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 22/21/16 and 23/21/16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for lack of antecedent basis. Applicant has both amended Claim 21 and add Claim 30 between Claims 20 and 21 to overcome this rejection. No new matter is introduced. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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**CONCLUSION**

The claims have been allowed. Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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